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## **Mayor Coleman names new Second Shift Commissioners**

18 member group to provide Mayor and city officials with recommendations for systems alignment around educational opportunities for Saint Paul's young people after school

Saint Paul – Mayor Chris Coleman has appointed nine new members to the Second Shift Commission, an ad hoc committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioners serve a 3-year term and their work in 2009 will focus on recommending coordinated approaches to make high quality out-of-school time learning accessible to more Saint Paul youth.

"Saint Paul is fortunate to have so many bright, creative individuals committed to eliminating gaps in student achievement and producing a workforce that will sustain a high quality of life for our families and our city," Mayor Chris Coleman said. "I'm very excited that these individuals will be contributing to our Second Shift efforts."

New Second Shift Commissioners include:

Christina McCoy, Director of Youth Development, YWCA

Kathleen O'Donnell, Program Manager, Destination 2010 – The Minneapolis Foundation

Damon Shoholm, Leadership Consultant, Youth Leadership Initiative, Wilder Center

David Dominick, Executive Director, Midway Family YMCA

Julie Murphy, Director of Family and Youth Services, West 7<sup>th</sup> Community Center

Ge Xiong, Vice President of Community Programs, Camp Fire USA, MN Council

Tamara Downs-Schwei, Executive Director, Community Design Center of MN

Gene Polyak, Commander-Juvenile Unit, Saint Paul Police Department

Dale Blyth, Director, Extension Center for Youth Development, U of M

Returning Second Shift Commissioners include:

Laura Lacroix Dalluhn, Executive Director, Youth Community Connections

Roy Magnuson, teacher, Como Senior High School

Mary Planten-Krell, Executive Director, Face to Face Health and Counseling Service, Inc.

Nan Skelton, Co-Director, Center for Democracy and Citizenship, U of M - Humphrey Institute

Karen Kolb Peterson, Youth Services Coordinator, Saint Paul Public Library

Jeff Ochs, Executive Director, Breakthrough Saint Paul

Lynn Gallandat, Director of Community Education, Saint Paul Public Schools

Julie Johnson, Distinguished Chair for Museum Leadership, Science Museum of Minnesota

Parks and Rec Commission Representative:

Betsy Mowry, Global Arts and Culture Coordinator, Compas

The Second Shift Commission was established in 2006 and their work has been instrumental in providing 'No School Day' programs at over 21 recreation centers, 10 weeks of free summer camp activities for Saint Paul youth, and addressing youth transportation needs. Second Shift efforts played an important role in Saint Paul being named one of 100 Best Cities in America for Children and Youth in 2008.

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